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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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AMENDMENTS TO THE TELANGANA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (CONDUCT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS/ELECTION EXPENSES AND ELECTION PETITIONS) RULES, 2005.

[G.O.Ms.No.167, Municipal Administration & Urban Development (C1), 9th June, 2017.]

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 585 read with section 5 of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation Act, 1955 and sub-section (1) of Section 18 of the Telangana Municipal

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Corporations Act, 1994, the Government of Telangana hereby makes the following amendments to the Telangana Municipal Corporations (Conduct of Election of Members/Election expenses and Election petitions) Rules, 2005, as amended from time to time.

AMENDMENTS

I.   In the said Rules,

(1)   In rule 32, for the words "Ballot Box" the words "Ballot Box or electionic voting machine" shall be substituted;

(2)   after rule 61, the following rule shall be inserted, namely -

"61-A **Design of Voting Machine**:- Every voting machine shall have a control unit (without DMM/SDMM or with DMM/SDMM) with one or more balloting units and may also be attached to a printer with a drop box for printing a paper trial of the vote, in such ward or wards or parts thereof as the election commission may direct. The number of balloting units shall depend on the number of contesting candidates and number of seats. The design and shape of control unit, balloting unit and printer with dropbox shall be such, as may be approved by the State Election Commission.

Explanation:- Detachable Memory Module (DMM)/Secured Detachable Memory Module (SDMM) means such electronic memory device which is attached to the control unit of electronic voting machine and keeps the election data safely in secured manner. After completion of the counting of votes, the DMM/SDMM containing poll data shall be separated from control unit and the control unit may be used for other election".

(3)   In sub-rule (1) of rule, 65,

    (A)   for the clause (c), the following shall be substituted, namely;-

       "(c) the serial number of the Balloting Unit and Control   Unit ".

    (B)   the existing clause(d) shall be renumbered as clause(e);

    (C)   after clause (c), the following clause shall be substituted namely:-

    (D)   Serial number of Detachable Memory Module (DMM)/ Secured Detachable Memory Module (SDMM) where ever used, and;

(4)   In form No. *XXXVI,* in Part-I (Account of Votes recorded), below the sentence "Machine Number used at the Polling Station balloting unit" following words shall be added namely:- "Serial No. of DMM/SDMM"

(5)   In rule 87,

(A)   In the heading, for the words "Sealing of Machines", the words "Sealing of Voting Machines without DMM/SDMM facility" shall be substituted;

(B)   after rule 87, the following rule shall be inserted, namely- "87-A Sealing of Voting Machines without DMM/SDMM facility:

(i)   A part of the EVM i.e., Electronic Memory Device called as Detachable Memory Module (DMM) or Secured Detachable Memory Modle (SDMM) only shall be sealed by separating it from Control Unit.

(ii)   After the result of voting is ascertained and recorded from the control unit and recorded candidate wise in Part-II of Form-*XXXVI* mentioned in Rule 79, 82, 86, 86A and 88 the Returning Officer shall separate DMM/SDMM from control unit and seal the DMM/SDMM and paper slips where ever printer for paper trial of vote is used, in the manner prescribed by the State Election Commission. During the sealing procedure the candidate or their election agents present may affix their seals and put signatures thereon.

(iii)   The DMM/SDMM and the paper slips so sealed shall be kept in specially prepared box on which the Returning officer shall record the following particulars:-

(a) The Serial number and name of the ward;

(b) The Particulars of Polling Station or Stations where the control unit/DMM/SDMM has been used;

(c) Serial Number of Control Unit and printer wherever used;

(d) Serial Number of DMM/SDMM used;

(e) Date of Poll; and

(f) Date of counting.

(iv) The sealed DMM/SDMM may be used for judicial purpose and other necessary purposes. The control unit may be used for other phases of election".

(6) In rule 88,

    (A) In the heading for the words "Voting machines", the words"Voting machines or DMM/SDMMs" shall be substituted;

    (B) In sub-rule (1), for the words "Voting machines used", the words "voting machines where DMMs/SDMMs are not used and where DMMs/SDMMs are used" shall be substituted;

(7) In rule 89,

    (A) In the heading for the words "Voting machines", the words "voting machines or DMM/SDMMs" shall be substituted;

    (B) In sub-rule (2), for the words "Control unit", the words "Control unit or DMM/SDMMs" shall be substituted;

(8) In rule 90,

    (A) In the heading for the words "Voting machines", the words "Voting machines or DMM/SDMMs" shall be substituted;

    (B) In sub-rule (1), for the words "Voting machines used", the words "Voting machines where DMMs/SDMMs are not used and where DMMs/SDMMs are used" shall be substituted;

NAVIN MITTAL,
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